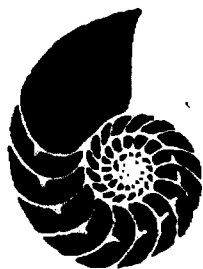


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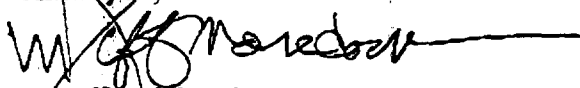
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I am McClain Jeffrey Moredock, Head of the Barrie School in Silver Spring, Maryland, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital, as is your inclusion of Internet Service Provider costs. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

We are in the process of wiring our upper and lower schools for full Internet access. Because our campus is spread out geographically over forty-five wooded acres, any cost savings will be very helpful. We intend to provide full service to all of our students as well as our families. It is an ambitious, but very necessary, project. With many (over 35%) of students receiving financial aid, our school connections will provide their only Internet access. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to sully support the Joint board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you,


M. Jeffrey Moredock
Head of School

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Dear Mr. Hunt,

As the Principal of a rural Catholic School, I wish to voice my support for significant discounts for all schools, public and private, so that we might have the capability to access the Internet. Our Technology Plan calls for full access in the next few years, but we do not yet know how we will pay for or maintain access to the Internet. We have great teachers and fantastic kids, ready to learn and excel- but we need the support of important people such as you.

Please help ensure that schools such as ours can access critical technology at reduced rates.

Thank you for joining in our mission to help kids succeed.

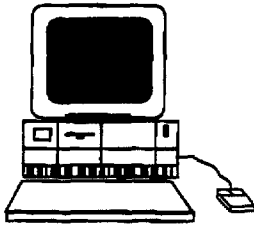

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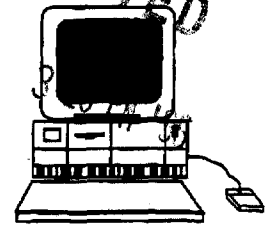
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Thank you for your dedication and tireless efforts to provide affordable access to the Information Superhighway for school districts across the nation.

We are a small, rural district (742 students K-12) with a commitment to providing our students with complete and easy access to the electronic resources of the information age. We have spent over a quarter of a million dollars over the last 4 years on technology hardware, software, and infrastructure. We need your support to ensure affordable access to all schools. Our local telco, GTE, does not provide Internet access. This past year we purchased 56Kb direct access through a local business person. He installed access through a North Dakota Internet service provider for his business and in turn provided access to us. Unfortunately this is a short term, inadequate solution for us.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doug Sorenson

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CORNELL

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Dear Chairman Hunt,

I understand your committee is looking at the recommendation of the Federal-State Joint Board to establish an "e-rate" (education rate) that would significantly reduce the cost of our school districts telecommunication services.

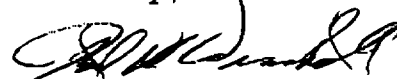
As the District Administrator of a small (600 student) K-12 public school district in rural northwestern Wisconsin, I encourage you to accept the implementation proposal. The portion of the recommendation on providing substantial E-rate discounts on inside connections to classrooms and Internet access, including installation and maintenance costs, is extremely important to me. Our district is struggling to make Internet access and learning available to all of our students, and we have expended considerable resources in wiring our two buildings to be ready to accommodate that. Our ability to afford the connection and line costs now is jeopardized by a declining enrollment and a State of Wisconsin imposed revenue limit, which translates into cost controls. Right now we have very limited Internet access, in each of our building libraries, and only two or three students can be on line at any one time.

Our students are supposed to have equal access to education, but in reality, the location of our rural district, versus a city district where Internet access is a local call, puts our students in jeopardy of falling way behind other students.

Again, please seriously consider the Joint Boards discount plan for universal service to schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Neil H. Winchell
District Administrator

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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The Federal Communications Commission has the opportunity to support the Federal-State Joint Board's positive implementation plan. Please ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to school and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab, library and work station.

Thank you for your attention and for your courage in acting upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Sister Helen Marie Buttiner, RSM

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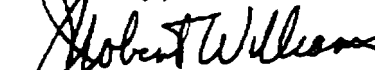
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

During this past weekend, I watched discussions sponsored by Common Cause on C-Span. It was very upsetting to learn what the government, in general, and the FCC, in particular, have done with regard to the give-away of frequencies to privately owned broadcasters for coming high definition broadcasting. Succinctly put, it stinks.

I hope that you will use your influence with the rest of the commissioners to ameliorate the effects of this very suspect action. Please demand from the recipients of this largesse that they give it back to the American public via free air time to aspirants for office.

Sincerely,



J. Robert Williams
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Dear Sirs,

Today, 48 hours after I requested IDT to cancel my callback service account with immediate effect, my 4 access numbers are still operational. This demonstrates pure negligence and ignorance of basic security procedures at IDT. Moreover, IDT's statements have systematically reached me well after the charges were debited from my AmEx Gold Card.

Therefore, with immediate effect and until further notice, I kindly request American Express to refuse to pay any charges that may be claimed by "IDT - International Discount Telecommunications" and not to debit my American Express Gold Card for any such charges.

Should I receive a proper statement from IDT, I will carefully and promptly examine it. Then, I will inform American Express of the amount that is payable to IDT. American Express will then take the necessary action to pay IDT at no extra cost to me and any cost for such manual transactions will have to be paid by IDT.

Once again, as stated in my fax of 8th April 1997, I demand a full refund of the above mentioned USD 80.00 and that no so called "minimum charge of USD 10.00 per access number" (i.e. USD 40.00 for my 4 trigger numbers) be charged for April 1997.

I expect IDT to send me a confirmation by fax assuring me that the above mentioned action is being taken in my favour.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Peter Yong of VDJ Pacific Pte Ltd in Singapore for relaying this fax to IDT.

Many thanks to Ms. Lim Ai Ling of American Express in Singapore, who is certainly very much inconvenienced by IDT's carelessness and unprofessional attitude.

Yours sincerely,

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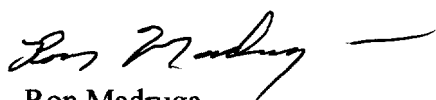
Dear Chairman Hundt:

I would like to offer my wholehearted support for your efforts and dedication in ensuring that school districts in the country will have discounted telecommunication services.

I understand the current proposal, recommended by a Federal-State Joint Board established by the FCC will provide opportunities to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will certainly help the needs of all our schools in allowing services to be brought directly to the classrooms. Your plan is vital for preparing our students for the future.

I strongly urge the FCC to support the proposal for affordable access to the Information Superhighway for our schools.

Sincerely,



Ron Madruga
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am the Director for New Media from Oakland Schools, a regional educational service agency in Michigan, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount program will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distributed distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where student learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of today and tomorrow.

In my region a state grant seeded high speed connections to the Internet for all public school districts (49), a number of charter, private and parochial schools (10), two community colleges and their collective eight campuses, and one university. Each of these educational agencies has committed to a five year contract for annual membership fees. While many classroom connections are complete and allow students to interact with Internet resources regularly, others do not. The proposed discounts would ensure that **all** classrooms would be connected offering equity of opportunity to all students. In additions a video layer would be added to the existing data network. It is likely that all of this could be done with annual fees remaining relatively stable. The resulting video and data distributed learning environment would open the "intellectual doors" to each and every student in our region, bringing the best there is to offer to everyone.

Our students need these deep discount prices now. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools and libraries. I furthermore encourage you to include **all** school buildings (schools and administrative). Please support a process that a method of implementation that ensures some level of funding for all (not first-come-first-serve) across states and districts within states. I am hopeful that these discounts will be available to consortium of districts by September 1997.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Van Dam, Ed.D., Director
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am the school board vice president for Spring Hill Unified School District No. 230 in Spring Hill, Kansas. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district has been using grant funds to equip classrooms and labs with up-to-date computer equipment. Now we need help to allow our students to learn and communicate globally.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen S. Ellis".

Mrs. Carmen Ellis
Board Vice President

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Thank you for your attention and for your courage in acting upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Ilundt:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

I am writing to request your support of telecommunication discounts for schools and libraries in our nation. As the superintendent of a school district in Michigan that services over 9,000 students a year, we have made a commitment to providing our students with the necessary technology to prepare them for the future. However, the ongoing cost of meeting this challenge is overwhelming in an era of reduced funding for education. The education rate contained in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries will go a long way towards helping us to contain our telecommunication costs while providing a comprehensive educational experience for our students. Important to this effort will be the inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts as well. If we are to prepare our young people to meet the ever increasing demands of the work force of tomorrow, it is absolutely essential that the "e-rate" be maintained as originally recommended.

Your support of the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Armstrong
Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As superintendent of Sumter School District 17, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to communications technology in the twenty-first century.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and will provide distance-learning opportunities for rural schools and smaller schools. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and will bring services directly to the classroom. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital and essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrena E. Ray
Superintendent

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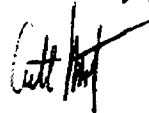
As superintendent of the Wildwood Public Schools, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district, having suffered budget defeats over the past five years, as well as a more recent defeated bond referendum, lacks the necessary additional funds which would allow us to upgrade our technology needs. The discount plan would make it possible to add an additional number of lines available for our students to use the Internet.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Motz
Superintendent

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the fourteen school districts in Kings County, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

In a continuing effort to provide the highest quality of Internet services to our students, our future, we intend to use the discounts in a fashion which will provide more free home dial-up for students; increase the speed of access; bring the other 50 percent of the schools within our county on-line; and provide discounts to districts currently on-line.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for Universal Service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gene Billingsley
Gene Billingsley,
Kings County Superintendent of Schools

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a superintendent from the Farmington Central School District #265 in Trivoli, Illinois. I appreciate your dedication in ensuring that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Farmington Central School District is making every effort to integrate global communications opportunities into the instructional program. The scope of this program will be severely limited or perhaps even short-lived without this discount plan.

Deep discounts for telecommunications services to schools are needed this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harold Palishen

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Fort Campbell, like most school boards and administrations, have juggled the high cost of Internet access and connections against building renovation and upkeep. Discounts for telecommunication services would allow us to accomplish BOTH objectives.

I strongly urge the FCC to support the Joint Boards plan for universal discounts. The plan would greatly enhance the United States schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

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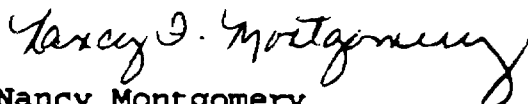
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Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I would like to introduce myself as the Superintendent of the Lower Township Elementary Schools. My appreciation is extended to you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will provide services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is necessary for providing the knowledge to our future workforce.

Reduced rates will allow students and school professionals to connect more frequently to a variety of resources providing greater access to the world-wide community. At this time, schools are limited by the constraints of costly message units, particularly in utilizing multiple ISDN connections for quality Interactive Television. Affordable access will encourage libraries and other agencies to provide more extensive services to schools.

I urge the FCC give their full support to the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

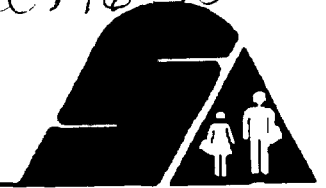
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

As superintendent of Saddleback Valley Unified School District, I would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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We would like to request that public education receive free Internet access to all classrooms. California schools are below the national average in per pupil funding and seventy five percent of all school districts in the United States have greater financial resources than the schools in California.

Saddleback Valley Unified School District consists of 35 schools, 1700 classrooms, and over 32,000 students. We have recently made a commitment to provide six Internet connections in all classrooms by September 1, 1997. All 35 schools currently have three or more Internet connections in a centralized location. Most schools do not yet have Internet connections in each classroom.

In order for systemic change to occur in public education, it is absolutely necessary that telecommunications functions, such as access to the Internet via high speed cable fiber optics connections, be provided to every classroom throughout the nation for no charge, regardless of the

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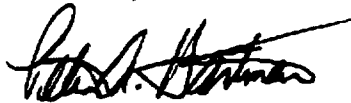
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number of computers being connected. Schools should not incur any monthly fees for Internet access. Even if our local cable provider offered discounts on providing cable modems for each of our computers in our classrooms, we would not be able to afford the monthly or annual cost of these connections.

Based on current cable modem monthly costs, the annual cost to use the Internet via cable modems in all 1700 rooms with six computers per room would be \$5 million without a discount. This number is based on the local cable company's current monthly charge of \$44 per connection per month. This fee amounts to approximately \$500 per year to connect one computer to the Internet on a high speed line. Even if Saddleback qualified for a 40% reduction in fees, the annual cost would still be in excess of \$3 million per year which we definitely could not afford.

I strongly encourage your Commission to follow the lead of the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) which has recently announced in their new initiative, "Cable's High Speed Education Connection", that they will provide free Internet access through cable modems to all schools. The long term goal is to link all computers in all classrooms to all appropriate areas served by cable television networks to the Internet for no on-going charge. Accessibility to all appropriate educational information on demand in every classroom is a priority if public education is to bridge the gap to the 21st century.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Hartman
Superintendent

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Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No. 328



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